

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 29, and continuing through page 2, line 5, as follows:

As the underlying technologies for biometric identification have improved (cf. ~~http://www.sensar.com~~ www.sensar.com, ~~http://identicator.com~~ www.identicator.com, and USP 4,641,349 for examples), the systems for handling the problem of matching an unknown individual or biometric sample against a small set of people or known biometric samples has improved significantly, to the point where such systems can reasonably be used to allow an individual to log on to her computer. The techniques tend to involve the comparison of hundreds of extracted characteristics for near-equality.